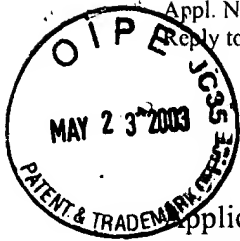


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**AMENDMENT**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated July 23, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

**Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks **begin on page 3 of this paper.**

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